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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office action mailed June 5, 2006, regarding the above referenced application. A petition for a three-month extension of time, to extend the time for response until December 5, 2006, is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this submission.